

Morrmouth, Ill.
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Dear Mamma,

I got your letter and the
Chronicle both Saturday morning.
I was glad to get both. I was very
much surprised to hear of Grady
Pills death. It must have been a
sad funeral. It is awful gloomy
and cloudy this morning. It
began raining about 4 o'clock
and rained pretty hard till
about 7. Roy had to go to work
in the rain. I have all my
work done and it is just eight
o'clock. Harry & Sis were here
last ev - If it wasn't for him
we wouldn't have much
company - He don't have to go

to work till 12 o'clock in the morning and he often comes up to see me. He & his wife have given up trying to live together. They can't agree. No - I didn't get Edith's picture - I haven't had letters from any one but you folks and Kate. I wrote to M and C. & to Jennie too but haven't heard from them yet. I am going to write to Murrie some day. Oh - I must tell you our sewing machine trouble. We can't get a new singer for less than \$55. and we can't get a White for less than \$40. They think that is awfully steep. They took our oil stove down to the second hand store & he was to sell it for us for 10% of what it brought. He hasn't sold it yet - But he has an improved singer that

is second hand of course. But
it is a good machine and in
good condition. He will let us
have it for \$20 and allow us
some on the oil stove. I
don't know how much. He told
Lou \$3. But I am going down
today and see if I can't get
a little better than that. I think
we will take it but am not
sure. I haven't seen it yet. I
want to go as soon as it quits
raining. It is north west
of the square where we live.

I think Dr. Priest will end up
in an asylum like G. Dixon
if he isn't careful. Is his wife
afraid of him?

George Filmore's have quite
a time keeping track of a
hammer - don't they? I
know now what ailed my
pancakes. I didn't put
any soda in. I thought

the yeast raised them.

I have made cranberry & apple pies with the R-Flour and it makes them all right Roy says the crust is better than that made with white flour. There is going to be a new doctor now in right south of us - then we will have four doctors on our street. You see, since M^c. Kinley's inauguration - prosperity has begun for I can have pen & ink to write with.

Yrs, I wish you could go back to Ohio - maybe you could get a pass - some way - pawn your diamond ring for something - Roy sold that watch of his & got 75¢ for it. I wish you could see our book that I keep our expense account in I take two pages for each

month and on our side I
put the money paid out & what
for and on the other side the
money recieved. Then I
balance it at the end of the
month - I am real proud of
it. It is getting awful dark
again I guess it is going to
rain some more.

Joe dreamed right about our
rooms. They all open from the hall
and none into each other. If you
take three big steps you will have
the length of our kitchen & two
real big ones you will have the
width. It is about like your
bed rooms I think.

Mamma I believe I make as
much bread at a baking as

you do - I made six loaves on
Monday and we had to buy bread
Friday night for supper. I
made 5 loaves Saturday and I
want them to last till Wed. We
eat lots - I never had such
an appetite in my life I just
can't get enough. I got a pint
jar of blackberry jam down town
for \$1.00 It is awful nice and
such cute little jars too - I am
going to get strawberry next time.
We got a chicken sat. night -
I stewed it & made gravy in it
for dinner yesterday & we
finished it up for breakfast
only Roy took some for his
dinner. It wasn't a very
large one though. I guess
I have written enough for this
time. Tell Willer & Louie to write
Answer Carrie